



SPECIAL REPORT: Katrina's aftermath

Giving Hope

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Rays of sunlight peek through 10-foot wide holes in the ceiling of the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

Filling the terminals and lounges, thousands of New Orleans residents have made the airport their temporary home. Some are shoeless or shirtless as they cling to the few belongings they could salvage from their flood-ridden neighborhoods. A dog barks in the distance while a mother tries to comfort her baby. Senior citizens in wheelchairs patiently wait for care.

The airport, now gives rays of hope to Hurricane Katrina's victims. U.S. troops and federal employees have turned Louis Armstrong into a mass transit center for New Orleans' displaced citizens.

One week after the most devastating hurricane in decades tore through this bayou city, the horrific images remain.

"These folks are shell-shocked," said Staff Sgt. Jason Raley, a chaplain's assistant, who along with Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Underwood, deployed from Whiteman to New Orleans Sunday. "They're the survivors."

Here in the airport's terminals, residents ride helicopters and wait to get transported outside of the city.

Amid the wooden planks and fiberboard, Chaplain Under-



Capt. Mike Dixon and Staff Sgt. Lina Gamez provide a hand to hold and reassuring words to an elderly patient who survived Hurricane Katrina. Captain Dixon is an intensive care nurse with the 59th Medical Wing, Sergeant Gamez is a respiratory therapist with the 759th Surgical Operations Squadron, both from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

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By Brig. Gen. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing Commander

SAFETY SUCCESS. Every member of Team Whiteman matters to mission success. On and off the job, operational risk management works! ORM helps whether you're working on high-voltage power lines, running a jet engine, using kitchen equipment to prepare a meal, or driving home from a weekend at the lake: it pays to **Assess the risks — Consider options for mitigating the risks — and then Take appropriate action (ACT).**

We're seeing some positive trends — Whiteman's seat belt compliance for August was 97 percent; **everyone** returned here alive after Labor Day! We had two injuries, but the people involved were properly wearing protective gear (mitigating the risk) and the injuries were far less than they might have been. Keep up the good work!

FAREWELL AND HAIL. This week we bid farewell and fair winds to **Col. Matt Erichsen**, our vice wing commander, and his family. Colonel Erichsen has been instrumental in keeping the 509th ready to accomplish our mission of delivering airpower anytime, any place.

He's just returned from the 36th Expeditionary Bomb Group in Guam, where his steady leadership resulted in 100 plus B-2 combat training missions, including 13 Global Power missions, and hundreds of F-15E training sorties. He's a true warrior and friend to many here; we wish him and his family all the best as they move to Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Col. Eric Single reports this week from his current duty as the 5th Operations Group commander at Minot AFB, N.D., and will pick up the reins as 509th vice commander. We welcome him and his family to Whiteman!

REMEMBERING SEPT. 11, 2001. Sunday marks the four-year anniversary of the horrendous attack on the United States on September 11, 2001. It's a day for us to honor the memory of all — Americans and others — who died that day. It's a day to recognize the selflessness and courage of those who aided the rescue and recovery efforts.

On September 11 and in the days since, we have seen great tragedy, great courage, and a long struggle ahead to maintain freedom and compassion in the face of an enemy who hates both. Whiteman's units — 509th, the 442nd Fighter Wing, the 1/135th Battalion, Missouri

Army National Guard and Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114 — have all played a role in our nation's fight against terrorism in the days since 9/11, and we must all continue to be ready to defend and to strike when called upon. As we reflect on September 11, with all the problems and challenges that day brought into focus, it's still great to be Americans — and it's our job to keep it that way regardless of the challenges ahead.

COME JOIN THE PARTY! Sept. 17, we will be celebrating 58 years of Air Force contributions to America at our Air Force Birthday Ball. It will be a fun night, with good food, comradeship, and music. The adventurous can dance; but fortunately dancing isn't required and neither is ultra-formal attire.

We also have a tremendous guest speaker — former Secretary of the Air Force Donald Rice, who served as Secretary of the Air Force from 1989-1993 and helped bring the B-2 into the Air Force. Tickets are limited, and you can get them through your first sergeant. For more details, call Joanna Bradshaw at 563-3818. I hope you'll share in this fun night honoring our heritage and future as America's Air Force!

Aid Katrina's victims

Whiteman

■ Whiteman private organizations will be accepting bottled-water donations only at the commissary parking lot through Sunday.

■ The drop-off point for bottled water will be in front of the commissary; look for the Katrina Relief Effort sign.

■ Place your bottled water contributions on the parked, unmanned trailer.

■ Once the trailer is full, contributions will be delivered to the Red Cross and the trailer will be returned for more contributions through today.

Air Force Aid Society

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the Air Force Aid Society has established a nationwide relief fund to help Air Force families affected by the hurricane.

Donations to the AFAS Hurricane Relief Fund will be accepted directly from individuals, corporations and organizations, both military and civilian.

Monetary contributions may be made by check or credit card. Credit card donations may be made by calling (703) 607-3073 or (800) 769-8951 or by a secure online credit card form located on the Air Force Aid Society Web site at www.afas.org. Checks should be made out to the Air Force Aid Society and reference the hurricane relief fund.

Prepare for the worst, whether or not it happens

By Maj. Danielle Taylor

509th Services Squadron commander

As a squadron commander and mortuary officer, I have had many experiences with family members who were unprepared for the decisions they had to make. Unfortunately we know first hand the pain a death brings to the base, community, friends and especially family. A simple plan can make a world of difference with a loved one.

Too many times I've heard a loved one say, "I just don't know what he or she would want." By talking about what you'd want in the event of your death, your family will know they're carrying out your wishes.

With this critical time in mind there are a few areas you need to discuss that will assist the Person Authorized Direct Disposition and other family members with making the tough decisions about your funeral arrangements and disposition of your personal effects:

First, identify the PADD. The PADD is traditionally a family member (i.e. surviving spouse, if not divorced, child over the age of 18, or mother or father). More information on this can be obtained from the services mortuary affairs office. Let close family members know who will be handling your affairs if you should pass away.

Too often this is a tough issue to talk about, but you

must discuss your desires with your PADD. Talk about things your family will decide if something were to happen to you.

Ask questions such as:

Where do you want to be buried?

Do you want to be cremated or buried in a casket?

Would you like full military honors if authorized?

Would you like to be buried in full service dress, flight suit or civilian attire?

All of these areas will make it easier for the ones you leave behind to choose an Air Force option that suits you and their needs.

Always keep your Department of Defense Form 93 updated. This document allows us to get in contact with your PADD promptly and start working interment arrangements without delay. An outdated DD Form 93 can cause undue stress on loved ones left behind.

Understand you are a military member, and as such are traditionally young and strong and not supposed to be at risk, so in most situations the military will ensure they cover every area to explain what happened to you. In nine out of 10 cases, an autopsy will be performed by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner. Discussing this with your PADD will ease their mind if that subject arises.

Personal effects are a huge issue when it comes to death. The Air Force wants to get the personal effects back to the authorized recipient as soon as possible. If you have family heirlooms or sentimental items that you want your mom, dad, brother, sister, etc. to have, put it in a will

and make sure they have a copy and let your authorized recipient know this. In case of your death, all personal effects will go to your authorized recipient. Your authorized recipient will be the person who makes sure that any heirlooms or sentimental items that are in a will go to the person you have directed. Without a will, the authorized recipient receives all items and has authority to make decisions on who receives what items.

Your squadron continues to work hard after you are gone. Family Liaison Officers (master sergeants and above) are assigned from your squadron to assist family members. They are the liaison between your family members and the Air Force.

They work extremely hard to take care of your family's needs. One of the most difficult tasks is becoming a Summary Court Officer. An officer is appointed by the installation commander to take care of all your personal effects, bills, debts, and return these items to the authorized recipient. This is a tedious and demanding job. The officer will have constant contact with your family members long after your interment.

If you could only know how many people are affected by your death it might cause you to slow down, think more clearly, buckle up, or do all those other things that could prevent a tragedy.

But if something does happen to you, at least you will have protected your family one last time by taking the tough step of talking with your family about a subject we don't want to think about let alone talk about.



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Katrina's aftermath

U.S. troops join Katrina response

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — President Bush announced Sept. 4 the deployment of 7,000 more active-duty forces to support hurricane relief operations along the hurricane-devastated Gulf Coast.

There, they will join 5,000 other active forces and almost 22,000 National Guardsmen already on the ground evacuating stranded people, getting food, water and other supplies to victims and relief agencies and supporting security efforts.

"Hour by hour, the situation on the ground is improving. Yet the enormity of the task requires more resources and more troops," the president said.

National Guard Bureau officials expect to have 30,000 Army and Air Guardsmen and their equipment from more than 40 states in the region to help with relief and rescue operations. Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco said the military presence is having a calming effect on New Orleans.

"We are seeing a show of force," Governor Blanco said. "It's putting confidence back in our hearts and in the minds of our people."

The president promised to finish evacuating people from the area as quickly and safely as possible, to ensure that criminals do not prey on those left vulnerable and not to "allow bureaucracy get in the way of saving lives."

Military support for the effort, being coordinated through Joint Task Force Katrina at Camp

Shelby, Miss., remains focused on saving lives, delivering food, water and other support and evacuating people from the area.

Search-and-rescue efforts intensified Sept. 4 with the arrival of additional military aviation assets to the region. As of Monday morning, 139 military helicopters were supporting rescue and humanitarian operations, and another 17 aircraft were on the way, U.S. Northern Command officials reported. This is in addition to a massive Coast Guard aviation response.

Evacuations continued in flood-choked New Orleans, where NORTHCOM officials reported almost 25,000 people have been evacuated. U.S. Transportation Command was continuing to fly 10,000 people out of the city to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, officials said. Among the evacuees were patients at the New Orleans Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The Air National Guard flew 721 sorties in the past few days, evacuating more than 11,000 people to safety and delivering 3,600 tons of life-saving supplies and equipment into the devastated area, National Guard Bureau officials said.

More than 100 pilots, pararescuemen, combat controllers, medical and support Airmen from Air Force Special Operations Command were helping remove the injured, ill and stranded from New Orleans, Air Force officials said.

In New Orleans, National

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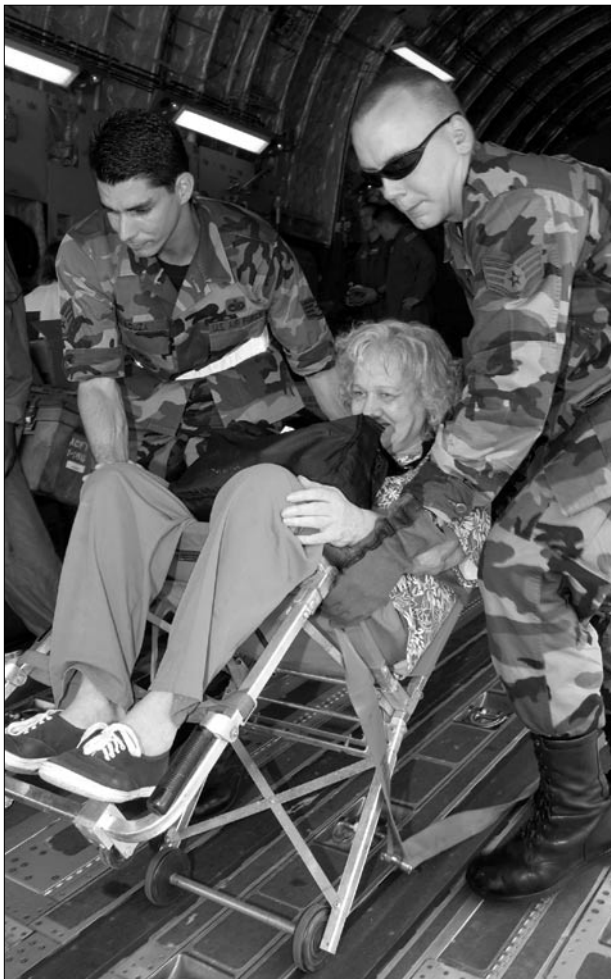


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Borosch

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS — Staff Sgts. John Souza (left) and Michael Vonahmen (right), help Hurricane Katrina evacuees get off a C-17 Globemaster III here. The evacuees arrived Sept. 2 from New Orleans. They are being inprocessed, given a medical checkup, fed and put into temporary shelters. The Airmen are assigned to the 343rd Training Squadron.

509th Airmen support JTF

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

Less than four hours had passed since Capt. Michael Taylor received the call from Air Combat Command, when 18 of his troops stood ready with bags packed Sunday night.

"I was very proud of them," said Captain Taylor, the 509th Services Squadron Combat Support Flight commander.

ACC tasked the Airmen to establish a dining facility and lodging facility at Keesler Air Force Base to help support U.S. troops and Federal Emergency Management Agency members helping the Hurricane relief efforts.

The next day, the Airmen boarded a C-130 bound for Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., which Hurricane Katrina had torn through one week ago.

"These are people we've worked side by side with before," Captain Taylor said. "In their time of need, we want to help them out there."

Captain Taylor said he hopes the 509ers' efforts will let the members of the Joint Task Force Katrina focus on recovery.

"As long as those two factors are taken care of the other troops can concentrate on the tasks at hand," he said. "We can start them on the road to alleviating any issues with this catastrophe."

Captain Taylor said the Airmen were scheduled for a 120-day deployment, but the tour's official length has not yet been announced.

Keesler survived a direct hit from Katrina Aug. 29, after water from the Gulf of Mexico and Bay of Biloxi causing significant damage to the base's infrastructure.

General Moseley swears in as chief of staff



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren swears in Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the 18th Air Force chief of staff during a ceremony here Sept. 2. General Moseley served as Air Force vice chief of staff before being sworn in as the 18th Air Force chief of staff.

By 1st Lt. Tim Dougherty

Air Force Print News

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Gen. T. Michael Moseley was sworn in as the Air Force's 18th chief of staff in a ceremony here Sept. 2 that also featured the retirement of Gen. John Jumper after 39 years of service.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren presided over the ceremony. Also taking part in the ceremony were Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers.

Secretary Rumsfeld thanked General Jumper for his "exemplary service" to the nation.

"Nowhere except in the military service can you wake up every day and know that our country is safer because of you," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "John Jumper, you can do that literally every day for the rest of your life."

"You've given us a great Air Force," General Moseley told General Jumper during the ceremony. "We are all going to make it our life's work for you to be proud of us and to continue on the path that you have given us. It is our continued promise that we Airmen will be the best in the world at what we do — dominating air and space."

Mr. Geren said the Air Force is in good hands with General Moseley.

"With General Jumper's retirement, this is a bittersweet day for the Air Force," Mr. Geren said. "But we're gaining a new chief of staff who has been proven in battle over Iraq and Afghanistan. As the vice chief, he has been directly involved in running the Air Force for the last two years, and he's ready."

General Myers said there is no better Airman to take the reins of the Air Force than General Moseley.

"General Moseley knows a lot about how to deliver air power and what kind of air power to deliver to make effects happen on the battle space," General Myers said. "During this critical time, General Moseley and his wife are exactly the right people, and we welcome them on board."

General Moseley said the continued success of the Air Force hinges on the efforts of thousands of Airmen engaged in combat operations worldwide or performing humanitarian relief in the tragic aftermath of the hurricane on the Gulf Coast.

"This magnificent Air Force is engaged across the globe," General Moseley said. "The Airmen you see here today, and watching this ceremony around the world, are our greatest resource and our greatest power. These Airmen are what makes the Air Force the most powerful air and space force in the world."

Katrina’s aftermath



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor

LOUIS ARMSTRONG NEW ORLEANS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT — Senior Airman Portia Payton talks to hurricane evacuee Betty Porter here Sunday. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Underwood, 509th Bomb Wing, and Staff Sgt. Jason Raley, 509th BW, deployed to New Orleans Sunday as part of the 4th Aerospace Expeditionary Group humanitarian effort to bring relief to Hurricane Katrina’s victims. Airman Payton is a medical technician from the 59th Medical Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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wood, Sergeant Raley and hundreds of Airmen and Soldiers are helping ease the transition of New Orleans citizens as they leave their homes. The people then get transported by commercial planes to shelters in nearby Baton Rouge, Texas and New Mexico.

“People are just afraid,” Chaplain Underwood said. “Their nerves are on edge.”

They have fed the displaced citizens meals ready to eat, and given them drinking water. The chaplains have prayed with them.

“Their spirit and attitude is amazing to me,” Chaplain Underwood said. “They’re glad to be alive and they’re glad to be getting help. It’s humbling for me to know how much we have and how much they’ve lost.”

More than 550 Airmen from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., Altus AFB, Okla., and the Air Force Academy have joined

efforts. During the deployment, the military policemen, medics, chaplains and assistants will also help repair the airport’s infrastructure and help restore Louis Armstrong International to operational status.

Chaplain Underwood said with the help of other deployed chaplains and assistants, he will provide worship services and masses to the troops and government employees who are helping with the relief efforts.

“We’re going to be the chaplain presence here,” he said.

Chaplain Underwood and Sergeant Raley left Whiteman for Little Rock AFB Sunday, then hopped aboard a Blackhawk to the New Orleans Naval Station. Texas Army National Guardsmen gave them a ride on a Chinook helicopter to Louis Armstrong.

Sergeant Raley said the overhead view of New Orleans shocked him.

“It was kind of overwhelming,” he said. “You could see all the damage.” □

News in Brief

MSS offices close early

The 509th Mission Support Squadron closes for a squadron function noon-4:30 today. The closure includes **the education office, civilian personnel, the family support center, the manpower office and the military personnel flight.** Customer service will remain open during these hours.

Air Force Ball set

The 2005 Whiteman Air Force Ball begins at 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the 442nd Fighter Wing’s 5-bay hangar. Tickets are \$25 and are available from first sergeants. Attire is mess dress for military or service dress for Airmen without mess dress. Civilians should dress formal or semi-formal if they don’t have formal attire. For more details, call Joanna Bradshaw at 563-3818.

Gate construction continues

Delays may occur at the Spirit Gate Saturday due to the placement of the new spirit guardhouse with large construction equipment. Traffic will be flagged at times to stop when the equipment and building will be blocking in-bound and out-bound traffic. Please continue to be patient with the construction efforts at the Spirit Gate. For more details, call 2nd Lt. Rachel Hamlyn at 687-6256 or Jerry Forste at 687-6293.

AF Band schedules concert

The veterans of the Women’s Air Force Band will play in a free concert at Central Missouri State University at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 23, in Hendricks Hall. The concert is being presented jointly by CMSU and Whiteman.

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Guardsmen moved 20,000 people out of the Superdome in a safe and orderly fashion and secured the convention center, providing sufficient food and water for all people, National Guard Bureau officials said.

The Air Force is providing strategic humanitarian airlift assistance to the region by airlifting tons of relief materials and military support personnel and equipment into several affected areas, Air Force officials said. This includes more than 9 million packaged meals from the Defense Logistics Agency.

Aircraft being used to fly these missions

include the C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster III, C-141 Starlifter and the C-130 Hercules, which are being operated by active and reserve component forces from bases in Washington, California, Massachusetts, Ohio, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey, Mississippi, New York, West Virginia, and as far away as Puerto Rico, officials said.

Additionally, more than 500 combat engineers, communication specialists, medics and helicopter crews have deployed to the hurricane-struck region from Air Combat Command bases, Air Force offi-

cials said. Air Force Space Command was deploying aircrews and support Airmen from four of its bases to Columbus AFB, Miss., to provide additional help, command officials reported. The Airmen are being drawn from wings at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; Minot AFB, N.D.; Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; and Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Soldiers from Fort Gordon, Ga., were also in the area, providing desperately needed communications support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Joint Task Force Katrina, Army officials reported. The communications support

includes both secure and nonsecure voice and data communications and video teleconferencing.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health and Human Services was working with the Defense Department to establish 10 mobile Federal Medical Shelter facilities, each able to accommodate 250 patients, along the Gulf Coast. Two facilities will be positioned at Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss.; two at Air National Guard Station Meridian, Miss.; two at Eglin AFB, Fla., and one at Fort Polk, La., NORTHCOM officials said.

Katrina's aftermath

Bringing light to a 'blacked-out city'

By Lt. Col. Bob Thompson

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

NEW ORLEANS —

Though it is a city without electricity, rescue crews see plenty of lights as they fly over New Orleans each night searching for survivors in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Sporadic fires burn wildly, but through their night-vision devices, combat search and rescue crews from the Air Force Reserve focus their attention on the flickering flashlights that dot the blackened landscape "like a night sky full of stars."

"When you look down on the city at night you see hundreds, hundreds of thousands of flashlights," said Master Sgt. Greg Bisogno, a pararescueman with Air Force Reserve Command's 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. "Because of our combat capability, we can see them and get to them in the blacked-out city."

Working around the clock, reservists and active duty crews fly 8- to 12-hour missions in HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters staged out of Jackson, Miss. As the relief effort continues, the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and active duty teams have saved thousands of survivors from rooftops and other isolated locations.

"On our second night, we found about 200 people trapped on a bridge," Sergeant Bisogno, said. "We'd land and load 10 to 12 people, as many as we could hold, drop them off and then return for more."

Most of the hurricane survivors are flown to collection points on safe ground. In Jefferson Parrish, the helicopter teams drop off the rescued on some high ground in a highway cloverleaf. There, the people



Photo by Staff Sgt. Manuel Martinez

NEW ORLEANS -- Tech. Sgt. Lem Torres rescues a child Sept. 2 who was trapped in a house here flooded with water left by Hurricane Katrina. Sergeant Torres is a pararescueman in the 38th Rescue Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

receive medical attention, food and water, and transportation out of the city.

"It's unimaginable unless you're here to see it," the pararescueman said. "No amount of words can describe how overwhelming the devastation is."

In the daylight, survivors hoisted aboard get their first look around their city from the helicopter.

"They would see how bad the devastation was and how it goes on for miles and miles," Sergeant Bisogno said. "They would start crying; crying because their city, their homes, family, friends were lost; crying because of what they went through; crying to be glad they were alive."

Picking up civilians requires the pararescuemen to take more time, be more

reassuring than is normal when recovering downed pilots. Military pilots and aircrew are trained to ride a hoist. Pararescuemen give them the horse collar and they can put it on. They know about helicopter rotor wash, said the sergeant who is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"With these folks, we talk to them and hook them up," he said. "They're scared and can't hear so we put their hands where we want them to hang on."

To get to the people in their flooded houses is not easy. Sergeant Bisogno has

"When you look down on the city at night you see hundreds, hundreds of thousands of flashlights."

chopped his way through several roofs. The pararescue jumpers have tools as primitive as axes and as sophisticated as battery-powered saws-alls and circular saws. Because the bottom floors are full of water, and most homes don't have outside stairwells, the PJs go through the roofs to get inside and get the people out.

"The people we picked up off the roofs had been up there for two, four, even five days, surrounded by water," said the

sergeant. "They had it rough and were very grateful. They'd say, 'God bless you,' and want to touch you and shake your hand." □

Simple steps to protect yourself from garage fires

By Tim Robinson
509th Fire Inspector

Fire is dangerous and sometimes deadly. Garage fires in particular can often wreak a great deal of havoc.

Not only are they detected less quickly than fires that begin in the house, but they often spread faster and more violently. A simple spark in the garage can lead to a house explosion because of the volatile materials kept in this area.

Garages are prime places for fires to start because many people store both combustible materials and fire starters there.

While it's best to keep these items in the garage rather than inside the house, it is vital that these items are stored properly.

Flammable liquids

Substances like gasoline, oil and paints are flammable and are commonly found in garages. If you need to store these materials, do so only in very small amounts. Keep each flammable substance in a small, sealed container that is clearly labeled with its contents.

- ◆ Store these containers away from appliances, heaters,

pilot lights and other sources of flame or heat.

- ◆ Never store propane cylinders indoors. They are sturdy enough to stay outside, and the risk of them catching fire indoors is just too great. Propane is highly combustible, and a tank full of it could cause an explosion.

- ◆ Always clean up spills in the garage. If you find an unidentified liquid, look for the source and make sure to remove it all. Don't just leave it there — it could mean your life.

Fire starters

It's inevitable you will store flammable items or substances in your garage, but you can control the risk of these combustibles catching fire. Educate yourself on the things you should avoid.

- ◆ Never smoke in your garage. Forgotten matches and cigarette butts start millions of fires each year.
- ◆ Be aware of the electrical situation in your garage. A spark from a careless wiring job could start a fire.
- ◆ Be sure to use light bulbs with the proper wattage in

Fast Fact

Homeowner's insurance provides financial protection against loss. A standard policy insures the home itself and the things you keep in it.

Like homeowner's insurance, renter's insurance will protect all your personal possessions from loss and protect you from huge legal and medical bills should someone be injured in your apartment. For more information visit, <http://www.insurance.state.mo.us/consumer/home/horent.htm>

your garage. The light fixture should indicate how many watts it can support. Exceeding this limit risks starting an electrical fire.

- ◆ Do not overload outlets.
- ◆ Keep all cords and wires taped down so they are not yanked or twisted.

Keeping clean

One of the easiest things you can do to prevent a garage fire is to keep the area clean.

- ◆ Do not allow items to pile up. Install shelving units and simply throw things away.
- ◆ Make sure that you dispose of

trash. Household trash is full of flammables.

- ◆ Ensure your garage is equipped for a fire. Install a fire detector and check its functioning at least once a month.
- ◆ Keep a fire extinguisher in an accessible location.

If you have any questions, call the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department at 687-6080 or 687-6083.

After the horror ...

Airmen bring relief to Hurricane Katrina's victims



NEW ORLEANS — An elderly patient is treated by medics after arriving here Sept. 2. Thousands of victims have been flown to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport since evacuations began Aug. 31.

Photo by Master Sgt. Jack Braden



Photo by Master Sgt. Jack Braden

NEW ORLEANS — Maj. Stacia Blyeu comforts an elderly patient at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport moments before she is evacuated from the Louis Armstrong Airport Saturday. Major Blyeu is a flight nurse with the 452nd Air Evacuation Squadron at March Air Reserve Base, Calif.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Manuel Martinez

NEW ORLEANS — Tech. Sgt. Lem Torres surveys houses for victims of Hurricane Katrina Sept. 2. Sergeant Torres is a pararescueman in the 38th Rescue Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Borosch

SAN ANTONIO — Staff Sgt. Chris Clark, gives tiny evacuee Antonio Michaels a stuffed animal as he arrived here. The displaced citizens arrived Sept. 2 from New Orleans. They are being processed, given a medical checkup, fed and put into temporary shelters. Sergeant Clark is a technical instructor with the 737th Training Squadron at nearby Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The aircraft and crew stopped at the International Airport here Sept. 1. They are being evacuated from the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina to Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga.



Photo by Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

At New Orleans, critical Care Aeromedical Teams cared for hundreds of patients. The C-17 Globemaster III and crew are from the 62nd and 446th Airlift Wing at McCord Air Force Base, Wash.

SECAF lauds total Air Force Katrina relief effort

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — As Hurricane Katrina passed through the Gulf Coast region, the Air Force responded even before the full gravity of the effects were known, taking care of its own people, and assisting in rescue and recovery missions afterwards.

“The total force of the Air Force — the active duty, Guard and Reserve — have responded aggressively and effectively to the challenge of the Hurricane Katrina (aftermath),” said acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren. “We currently have over 8,000 Air Force personnel

deployed right now (in support of operations).”

Air Force units have provided aerial photography and imagery of the damaged areas to government officials to aid in recovery and planning efforts, he said.

The Air Force is also actively involved in search-and-rescue missions — rescuing more than 5,000 people to date, while trying to meet medical needs of the injured.

“We’ve treated over 5,500 civilians that have suffered some sort of medical problems and air-evacuated nearly 2,500 people out of the disaster area to receive greater medical care,” Mr. Geren said.

Katrina devastated several areas of the gulf region, and one Air Force base in Mississippi.

“Keesler Air Force Base was hit hard by the hurricane and suffered significant damage,” he said. “I’d like to recognize the extraordinary response of the Airmen and civilians at Keesler Air Force Base. These men and women stepped right up to get the base operational. Not only meeting the needs of the Air Force, but supporting the operations throughout the gulf region and the local community they call home.”

Air Force units continue to carry on operations and assist in any capacity possible.

“The Air Force has responded and we’re doing everything we can to meet the needs of the people in a disaster that is unprecedented in America’s history,” he said.

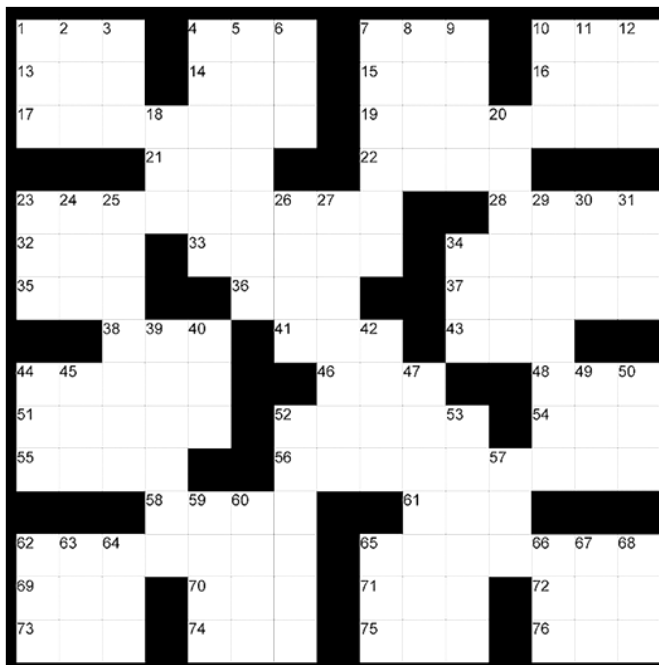
CROSSWORD

Air Force pioneers of the 1980s, 1990s

By Capt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Actress West
4. Accountant, in short
7. Angry
10. Slap lightly
13. Mock
14. ___ River
15. Southwestern Native American
16. Caviar
17. Col. Eileen ___; 1st woman Space Shuttle commander
19. Initial, yet significant advantage for future progress
21. Crazy ___ _ loon
22. Bullets
23. TSgt Tim ___; Air Force Cross recipient for Mogadishu actions
28. Fury
32. Epoch
33. Look around
34. Anaheim player
35. Computer key
36. Dine
37. Deeds
38. In the capacity or character of
41. Greek letter
43. 3, in a manner
44. Maj. Patricia ___; first woman commander of an AFSC unit
46. GMT -0400
48. Quick rest
51. Fat



52. Dog's pests
54. USAF E-4
55. Deep slimy soil or mud
56. Dense translucent, white or tinted fine-grained gypsum
58. 1st Oscar winner ___ Jannings (1929)
61. Actress Thurman
62. Dr. Sheila ___; 1st woman service secretary
65. Col. Guion ___; 1st African-American astronaut

69. Mistake
70. ___ Grande
71. Field movie Norma ___
72. USAF Medal of Honor recipient Col. George ___
73. Prop for 31 DOWN
74. Pitch
75. Web address, in short
76. Hurricane center

DOWN

1. Apple computer, in short
2. Mil. overseas address
3. Snakelike fish
4. Emergency
5. Mortification
6. Commercials
7. X-men characters
8. Molecule
9. Think
10. Expert
11. Earthlink competitor
12. Actor Danson
18. Laotian currency, in short
20. Gen. Charles ___; architect of Desert Storm air campaign
23. Tiny
24. Fed. tax org.
25. Glossy, resinous material
26. Bath item
27. Surpass other car dealers
29. Oppose
30. ___ Shorty
31. Golfer Ernie
34. Rear of the ship
39. Not observable
40. Mature



Sept. 2 answers

42. Thought
44. ___ Kippur
45. Japanese sash
47. Organized as a list
49. In existence
50. Score for 31 DOWN
52. Unsown
53. American jurist and Revolutionary War leader Chase
57. SECAF's office symbol
59. Second Lt. ___ Wittick; 1st woman to enter helicopter pilot training
60. Uppermost and widest of the three pelvis bones
62. Damp
63. Wrath
64. Rapping "Dr."
65. SHAPE city airport, in brief
66. Lyrical poem
67. Skate relative
68. Color

When life hands you lemons



Courtesy photo

Gabriella Monetti, 9-year-old daughter of B-2 pilot Lt. Col. Tony Monetti, set up this lemonade stand that raised \$611 for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort Saturday.

‘Lemon-Aid’

Pilot’s daughter raises relief funds

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

Gabriella Monetti’s ears perked up when she heard the news. Hurricane Katrina forced her neighbor’s brother, a resident of New Orleans, to leave his home and pet behind.

That neighbor happened to be Sheila Rose, the wife of Lt. Col. Randy Rose of the 394th Combat Training Squadron.

The 9-year-old had seen the news coverage of the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Gabriella, the daughter of Lt. Col. Tony Monetti, 394th CTS, knew she had to do something to help.

So the fourth-grader decided to set up a lemonade stand to raise money to donate to the Katrina relief victims. With

a fold out table and homemade posters, she set up her stand in front of a Warrensburg grocery store.

In just four hours Saturday, Gabriella raised \$611 to donate to the American Red Cross relief effort.

“I was very proud of her,” Colonel Monetti said. “I see her as a leader. She’s showing some adults that she can make a difference, so maybe other people can look to her as an example.”

“This is all her idea,” said her mother, Penny. “That’s what made me so proud; no one prompted her to do this.

“Amidst all the bad things that are happening, there’s such goodness in kids. I think we need to highlight the good things instead of the bad things. I just encourage her to continue doing this through her life.”

Gabriella attends an elementary school in Warrensburg and hopes to become a veterinarian someday. □

What’s Happening

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ>

Commissioning briefing

An enlisted commissioning opportunities briefing will be offered at 1 p.m., Sept. 29 in Room 20 of the education center. For more details or to make a reservation, call 687-2420.

Community

MOAA meeting set

The Military Officers Association of America, Spirit Chapter dinner and meeting begins 6 p.m., Sept. 20 at Mission’s End.

The speaker is Navy Capt. (ret)

Ben Bayse, president of Missouri Council of Chapters. For more details or to make reservations, call Janet Allen, 660-747-3634 or Col. John Riffle, 816-540-2929.

McGruff’s tip of the month: Know your emergency and non-emergency numbers



- Emergency911
- Law Enforcement Desk (Non-Emergency, 24hrs) 687-3700
- Pass and Registration 687-1853
- OSI 687-1852
- Knob Noster Police Department (non-emergency) 563-2233
- LaMonte Police Department (non-emergency) 827-0052
- Sedalia Police Department (non-emergency) 826-8100
- Warrensburg Police Department (non-emergency) 747-3322

- Johnson County Sheriff (Warrensburg) 747-5511
- Missouri State Highway Patrol (emergency) 1-800-525-5555
- Missouri State Highway Patrol (non-emergency) 524-1407
- Poison Control Center (Kansas City, Mo.) 234-3434
- Statewide Weather and Road Conditions 1-800-222-6400
- Base crime prevention program manager Jerry Osban 687-4482

AF ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the 2005 Whiteman Air Force Ball are available. The event takes place 6 p.m. Sept. 17. For tickets contact your first sergeant.

Vet clinic looking for help

The Whiteman Veterinary Clinic is looking for a volunteer to assist with clerical operations on clinic days.

For more details, call 687-2667 or e-mail natalie.smith@whiteman.af.mil.

Wake 'em up



Backup QB ignites Falcons in season opener

By Wayne Amann

Air Force Academy Public Affairs

SEATTLE — For more than three quarters Air Force was arguably, “sleepless in Seattle.” The Falcons trailed the University of Washington Huskies, 17-6, nearly five minutes into the fourth quarter and needed a wake-up call in their 50th season opener.

They got it from backup quarterback Adam Fitch.

Less than one minute after Washington built its 11-point lead, the senior signal caller replaced sophomore starter Shaun Carney for the second time in the game to direct offensive coordinator Chuck Petersen’s no-huddle attack. Four plays later, Fitch found wide receiver Greg Kirkwood behind two defenders down the right sideline for an electrifying 84-yard touchdown strike, the fourth longest in Academy history.

Air Force refused to hit the snooze button.

A re-energized Falcon defense stalled Washington at its own 48-yard line, forcing a punt down to the Air Force 17 with 5:55 left in the game. Carney returned to engineer a 14-play drive, capped by a 1-yard quarterback keeper with 34 seconds left, for a scintillating come-from-behind, 20-17, win Sept. 3 at Qwest Field, home of the NFL’s Seattle Seahawks.

“You can never rule a Falcon out,” Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry said. “Rallying from 11 points down and making the plays we had to make, I can’t say enough about the character on this team.”

The Falcon’s offense struggled with adversity in the first half thanks to fumbles that killed two drives deep in Huskies territory.

On Air Force’s first possession, Carney guided his team from its own 31-yard line to the Washington 20, where he coughed up the ball.

The Huskies took the gift and reeled off an eight play, 57-yard drive ending in a 40-yard Evan Knudson field goal and a 3-0 lead.

After the Falcon defense stiffened on a fourth down and 2-yard situation at its own 16-yard line late in the first quarter, Fitch subbed for Carney in the no-huddle scheme.

“That was a pre-game decision,” DeBerry said. “It wasn’t because we were disappointed in anything Shaun was doing. We wanted to put some pressure on Washington to make some mistakes lining up and to have a fast-pace game.”

The strategy worked briefly as Fitch, aided by a fake kick by senior punter Donny Heaton, marched the ball to the Husky 26, where halfback Chad Hall fumbled.



Photos by 2nd Lt. John Ross

SEATTLE — Air Force Academy Falcon halfback Chad Hall eyes University of Washington free safety Dashon Goldson in the open field as Air Force’s Justin Handley blocks a defender. The Falcons defeated the Huskies in the season opener for both teams, 20-17. Above: Falcon players (left to right) Scott Eberle, 12; Jared Baxley, 26; Adam Fitch, 16; Stuart Perlow, 60; and Donny Heaton, 30; celebrate their 20-17 season opening win over the University of Washington Huskies Sept. 3 at Qwest Field in Seattle.



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Sports & Recreation

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Boater safety class

There's still time this summer to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. The next ski boat safety class is 8 a.m.-noon Saturday.

Wall class

Learn to climb the 20 foot wall at outdoor recreation. The class will cover climbing technique and safety procedures. The class takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

Volksmarch 2005

Sign up by Thursday for the 10K run or walk around Knob Noster State Park. The Volksmarch starts at 9 a.m. Sept. 17. Participants should bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with their fellow walkers after the event.

Katy Trial bike ride

Join outdoor recreation for a 35-mile bike ride from Rocheport to North Jefferson City, Mo. Riders should bring a bike, helmet, puncture kit, lunch and water. Outdoor recreation can provide a free bike and helmet if necessary. The transportation leaves at 8 a.m. Sept. 24 from outdoor recreation.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Play with the pros

Pick a National Football League team and earn points during your workouts to add to their weekly tally. The individual with the most points after The Super Bowl wins an NFL team jersey of their choice. Other NFL prizes will also be given out. See fitness center staff for rules and details.

Tickets and Travel 687-5643

Kansas City Renaissance Festival

The annual renaissance festival in Bonner Springs, Kan., is running weekends throughout September. Tickets are available from tickets and travel, \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12.

Six Flags, St. Louis, military special

Military members can take advantage of a special ticket price of just \$16 per person to Six Flags, St. Louis until Oct. 9.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

College football

Club member football fans can watch their favorite college teams on the 10 big screens in the Lavene lounge, for free. Lounge food and beverages will be available for purchase.

National Football League, Sunday Ticket

Free to club members; Mission's End will be showing all NFL Sunday Football games on 10 plasma screens, 11a.m.-6 p.m. starting this Sunday.

Movie Schedule

Friday at 7 p.m.

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo R
Starring-Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin

Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m.

(Note new show time for Saturday and Sunday).
Must Love Dogs PG-13
Starring-Diane Lane and John Cusack

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.

Royal Oaks 687-5573

Not just for golfers!

The new Royal Oaks club house offers a great new breakfast, lunch and dinner venue. Opening at 7 a.m. Duffer's Grill serves breakfast until 10 a.m. and hamburgers, sandwiches and hot dogs to eat in or take out until 1 p.m. There is also a snack bar for candy bars, drinks and other snacks. On Fridays and Saturdays, 5p.m.-8p.m., the club house becomes a steak house serving steak, prime rib and chicken.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

Sunday family dollar days

The Stars and Strikes will be open 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sundays for open bowling, starting this week. Games and shoe rental are just \$1 each per bowler during these times.

Community Activities

Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

Air Force online gallery

The arts and crafts center is still accepting entries to the Artist/Craftsman Air Force gallery. Pieces in any medium will be displayed prior to submission in the arts and crafts center.

Stained glass class

Learn or improve knowledge of stained glass techniques, with this six week class at the arts and crafts center. Classes are held 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, participants can join the class at anytime. The cost is \$55 plus supplies.

Beginners frame class

Learn how to mat and frame your pictures at the arts and crafts center. Bring a 5-by-7 inch or smaller picture to frame. The class takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursday. Sign up by Wednesday.

Teen Center 687-5819

Midnight basketball

Teens can show off their basketball skills with a late night court session. The event starts at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sept. 24 at the youth center gym. The teen center will be closed during this event.

Teen center shopping trip

Sign up by Wednesday for a shopping trip to Independence Mall on Sept. 17. Transportation costs \$5 and teens should bring money for shopping, lunch and snacks. The van leaves at noon, returning by 7 p.m.

Open recreation

Looking for a place to chill or play a game with friends? The teen center has a pool table, fooseball, air hockey, movies, music, board games, a computer or just space to hang out with friends. Open recreation is available 3p.m.-closing every Monday-Saturday, free for members, \$1 for nonmembers.

Youth Center 687-5586

Kids' night out

"The Incredibles" is the theme for the next kids' night out at the youth center. Children ages 6-9, can watch the movie with friends, play themed games in the gym and make an "Incredibles," craft. The activities take place 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Sept. 16 at the youth center.

Pre-Teen shopping trip

There is a shopping trip to Independence Mall for 10-12 year olds leaving at 1 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Participants will need extra money for shopping, video games and dinner. Sign up at the youth center.

Dentokan karate

Learn self-defense, conditioning, stress relief and self-discipline with Dentokan karate training. Beginner and advanced classes take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the youth center. Sign ups are ongoing and the cost is \$25 per month for members and \$32 per month for nonmembers.

Community Center 687-5617

Glamour glitz for girls

Mothers can use their own outfits and props to dress up their daughters or use community center sup-

plies. The girls will then have their picture taken by a professional photographer. The event takes place noon-3 p.m. Saturday at the community center and costs \$1.

Back-to-school swap shop

Start the new school year with a clear out of your closet and the chance to swap or sell any unwanted items. The swap shop takes place 1-4 p.m. Sept. 17 at the community center.

Whiteman hero essay competition

Students in elementary, middle or high school can enter the community center's essay competition.

Entrants must hand in a 100 word or less essay about their Whiteman hero and a 3-by-5 inch photograph of the hero.

Hand in essays Sept. 19-23. Winners in each category will receive a \$25 savings bond from US Bank in Warrensburg*.

Family Child Care 687-1180

Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for the following: evenings, weekends, swing shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly ill children.

The Air Force is now offering a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child.

Providers with chronic health problems are accepted.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Developmental enrichment program

The child development center's pre-school enrichment program will recommence this month. The program is designed to foster language development, social-emotional development, self-help skills, gross and fine motor skills and cognitive development. Parents can sign up their 3-or 4-year-olds at the child development center.

Library 687-6217

Best sellers every month

The library receives new titles monthly in fiction and nonfiction including the children's collections. Sign up for the monthly library newsletter or visit the library website to see what's new at www.whitemanafb-library.org/bs.html.

Log on to the website and view your account online to renew loans or place holds on items that are currently checked out.

Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers returns in September. Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. 3- to 5-year-olds can listen to a story or take part in a craft activity at the library.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Heartworm treatment

Fall is here but it is still important to continue giving dogs a monthly heartworm preventative. Dogs should be tested yearly for heartworms and take a preventative year round. If any doses have been missed, make an appointment at the vet clinic to schedule a test. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.